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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Robert Amory  
DDI, Room 222  
Administration Bldg., CIA

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for OCB Working Group engaged in  
implementing project entitled "Winter of Discontent in  
the Soviet Far East"

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1. The above working group held a meeting this week to discuss ways and means of implementing the plan concerning factors of potential discontent in Communist China and recommended that the intelligence community undertake the following measures:

a. [redacted] current intelligence on the subject of "Winter of Discontent", and institute an intelligence collection plan with follow-up to secure additional intelligence on this subject.

b. Prepare an intelligence estimate on the effects of existing food conditions on future political and economic capabilities of the Communist China regime.

2. The following information has already been submitted to the working group as a synthesis of the intelligence relating to flood and drought conditions over the past year in China:

"Last summer it was reported that 5 provinces in China experienced abnormal late frost that destroyed about 75% of all crops planted in an area covering approximately 2500 square miles. In another instance, droughts and insects were reported to have destroyed crops over a wide area. In general, these adverse conditions last summer were estimated to have affected a population exceeding 10 million people. These conditions caused the Chinese Communist regime to allocate an estimated 900,000 tons of food stuffs to the famine-stricken areas, which doubtless caused a serious drain on existing food stock piles of the State."

In addition, the following abstract of an OCI report was disseminated to the working group:

"There has been a decline recently in the amount and quality of food in Shanghai and other cities, according to

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the Consulate General in Hong Kong. The current harvests in Northeast China have fallen below last year's level. This constitutes a major economic setback to the Peking regime, CIA comments. OGI 0356, 2 December 1953."

It is requested that my office be advised of any additional information in the intelligence community which would be of interest to the working group engaged in implementing the project "Winter of Discontent".

This information would be for the purpose of exploiting the long-term aspects of the problem confronting the working group.

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